

Cover Sheet Rural Legacy Application

Please complete this Cover Sheet and submit it with all Attachments.

Rural Legacy Area Name:	
Name of Sponsor:	
County or Counties Where Eligible Properties Located:	
Name of Sponsor's Lead Contact:	
Contact's Title:	
Daytime Phone Number:	Fax #:
E-Mail Address:	
Address:	

As authorized representative of the above referenced Sponsoring organization, I hereby certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Signature:	Date:

Rural Legacy Area Name: _____

RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR _____

**RENEWAL AND AREA EXPANSION
GRANT APPLICATION**

SECTION I: RLA Statistical Information

1. What is the total acreage of the Rural Legacy Area (RLA)? _____
2. With this Application, is a RLA boundary expansion being requested? _____
If so, how many additional acres are in the expansion area? _____
Please describe in detail the adjustments to the boundaries of the approved RLA.
3. How much of the acreage within the RLA (in acres), is:

Unprotected land _____
Protected land (all sources) _____
Developed land _____
4. How many acres do you propose to protect with the funds requested in this Application?

5. What is the projected total cost per acre for land acquisition proposed in this Application?
(Include land and transactional costs, i.e. administrative, indirect and compliance costs.)

Easement _____
Fee Simple _____
6. What is the total amount of Rural Legacy Program (RLP) grant funds being requested in this Application? _____
7. How many acres, including the acres proposed in this Application, do you plan to protect with RLP funds over the next 10 years of the Program? _____
8. Estimate the amount of additional RLP funds that will be needed to preserve the RLA goal acreages (based on current easement prices and the acreages currently preserved in the RLA).

SECTION II: Leveraging RLP Funds

1. Describe ways the Sponsor utilized their own funds in the past 12 months to match RLP grant funds.
2. Detail all sources that were utilized in the past 12 months to leverage RLP funds with other funding programs for land conservation in the RLA (i.e., MALPF, County, Federal, Private, etc.).

SECTION III: Bonus Points

1. What was the average width of riparian buffers for RLA properties acquired in the past 12 months? _____
2. Describe any form of public access that has been permitted on properties during the past 12 months, i.e., hunting, educational school trips, trail access?
3. Describe any social benefits that resulted because of RLA properties preserved during the past 12 months, i.e., support for local food supply, farm-to-schools, benefits to underserved communities, innovative partnerships, linking children to nature?

SECTION IV: Special Circumstances

Describe any unique circumstances or specific projects that should be considered for potential RLP funding. Please limit your response (if any) to one (1) page.

SECTION V: Multiple County Priority Designation

For Sponsors of more than one RLA in the same County, please submit a letter of RLA funding preference.

SECTION VI: Proposed Property Acquisitions

Complete the Proposed Acquisition List Form for the top five (5) proposed acquisitions in the RLA for Fiscal Year _____ funding (submit Form with Application).

SECTION VII: FOR EXPANDED AREAS ONLY

1. Submit digital geographic information (GIS data) for the boundary of the RLA. This should be on a CD or emailed to the Rural Legacy Program as an ArcView shapefile in state plane 83 meters projection. This information must be submitted with the Application or the Application will be considered incomplete.
2. 10 Color Maps of the proposed RLA (8 ½" x 11").

Please submit an electronic copy (in Word or PDF format) of the Application and all Attachments.

SUBMIT COMPLETED RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS TO:

**Rural Legacy Program
Land Acquisition and Planning Unit
Nina M. White, Rural Legacy Program Administrator
ninam.white@maryland.gov**

Fiscal Year _____ Grant Application submission deadline: Second Tuesday in February by 5:00 p.m.